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DOCKET NO. 2006-240-C - United Telephone Company of the Carolinas- Requests Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds Pursuant to 47 C.F.R 54.314, and the Telecommunications Act -Section 254(e)

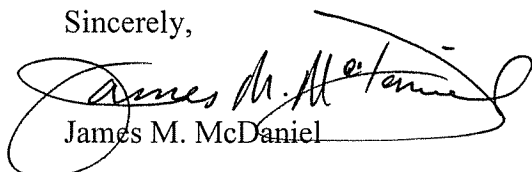
Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) has examined the filing of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas (United) wherein the Company requested the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) to submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company certifying that the company is compliant with Section 254 (e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, as amended.

In support of the request, an affidavit was submitted, wherein C. Steve Parott, United Telephone of the Carolinas, State Executive –NC/SC certified that the company would use the federal universal service high-cost support received during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

ORS recognizes that this self-certification process has been sufficient in prior years and does not oppose United's request.

Sincerely,


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